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a syringe retention portion, wherein said syringe retention portion, having greater external dimension along substantially its whole length than an outer diameter of the syringe barrel encapsulating portion and the needle encapsulating portion, has an open end for insertion of a syringe therein and an opposed end communicating said retention portion with said syringe barrel encapsulating portion, engagement means being provided at or proximate, said opposed end of said syringe retention portion for retaining a syringe within the disposal device after passage of said transversely extending portion past said engagement means by interference fit

A2 3. The syringe disposal device according to claim 1 including a morse taper (at the transition between said syringe barrel encapsulating portion and said needle encapsulating portion.

4. The syringe disposal device of claim 1 wherein said engagement means⁽¹⁰⁾ is a lug engagement means for engaging said transversely extending portion after passage thereof past said lug engagement means.

5. The syringe disposal device of claim 1 wherein said engagement means is an annular engaging face provided at said opposed end of said syringe retention portion.

6. The syringe disposal device of claim 1 wherein said device is of tapered form.

7. A kit including a holder for retaining a syringe disposal device as claimed in claim 1 and said syringe disposal device.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendments are being submitted in connection with the national stage filing of the present Application. The amendments eliminate the multiple dependent claims from the Application.